Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

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CENTRAL MACHINERY POWERED BY PREDATOR ENGINES

179cc
COMPACT VIBRATOR PLATE

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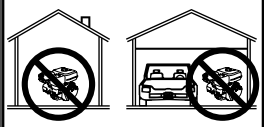

NEVER use inside a home or garage, EVEN IF doors and windows are open.

Only use OUTSIDE and far away from windows, doors, and vents.

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⚠ WARNING

Read this material before using this product. Failure to do so can result in serious injury. SAVE THIS MANUAL.

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WARNING SYMBOLS AND DEFINITIONS	
⚠	This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.
⚠ DANGER	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
⚠WARNING	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
⚠CAUTION	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
NOTICE CAUTION	Addresses practices not related to personal injury.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

⚠WARNING

Read all instructions.
Failure to follow all instructions listed below may result in fire, serious injury, and/or DEATH.
The warnings and precautions discussed in this manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It must be understood by the operator that common sense and caution are factors which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.
SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

Setup Precautions

1. **Gasoline fuel and fumes are flammable and potentially explosive.** Use proper fuel storage and handling procedures. Do not store fuel or other flammable materials nearby.
2. **Have multiple ABC class fire extinguishers nearby.**
3. **Operation of this equipment may create sparks that can start fires around dry vegetation.** A spark arrestor may be required. The operator should contact local fire agencies for laws or regulations relating to fire prevention requirements.
4. **Set up and use only on a flat, level, well-ventilated surface.**
5. **Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles, heavy-duty work gloves, and dust mask/respirator during set up.**
6. **Use only lubricants and fuel recommended in the engine manual or in the Specifications chart of this manual.**

Operation Precautions

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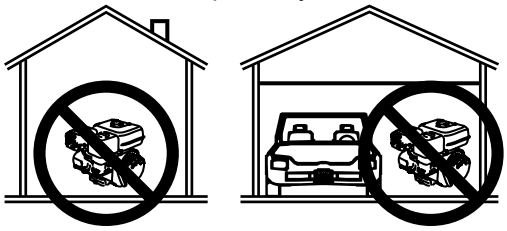

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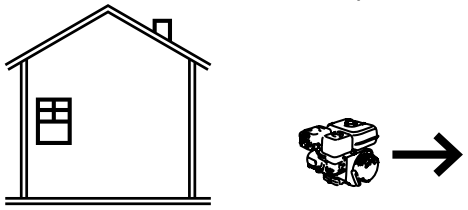


Only use OUTSIDE and far away from windows, doors, and vents.

2. **Keep children away from the equipment, especially while it is operating.**

3. **Keep hands and feet away from the Compactor Base (53).** Grip the Upper Handle (32) of the Vibrator Plate *firmly* with both hands. Never place tools under the Vibrator Plate.

4. **Keep all spectators at least six feet from the Vibrator Plate during operation.**

5. **Only use a suitable means of transport and lifting devices with sufficient weight bearing capacity when transporting the Vibrator Plate.**

6. **Only use sturdy loading ramps with sufficient weight bearing capacity.** Secure the Vibrator Plate on transport vehicles to prevent the tool from rolling, slipping, and tilting.

7. **Keep a safe distance away from the edges and banks of ditches and use care to prevent the Vibrator Plate from toppling over.**

8. **Ascend slopes carefully in a direct path.**

9. **Pull backwards up steep slopes to prevent the Vibrator Plate from toppling over onto the operator.**

10. **When performing compacting work in the vicinity of buildings or above pipelines, make sure to check the affect of the vibrations on the buildings and pipelines.** If necessary, immediately stop the compacting work.

11. **Park the Vibrator Plate on a firm and level surface.**

12. **Industrial applications must follow OSHA requirements.**

13. **Do not leave the equipment unattended when it is running.** Turn off the equipment (and remove safety keys, if available) before leaving the work area.

14. **Wear ANSI-approved safety glasses, hearing protection, and NIOSH-approved dust mask/respirator under a full face shield along with steel-toed work boots during use.**

15. **People with pacemakers should consult their physician(s) before use.** Electromagnetic fields in close proximity to a heart pacemaker could cause pacemaker interference or pacemaker failure. Caution is necessary when near the engine's magneto or recoil starter.

16. **Use only accessories that are recommended by Harbor Freight Tools for your model.** Accessories that may be suitable for one piece of equipment may become hazardous when used on another piece of equipment.

17. **Do not operate in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases, or dust.** Gasoline-powered engines may ignite the dust or fumes.

18. **Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating this piece of equipment.** Do not use this piece of equipment while tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication.

19. **Do not overreach.** Keep proper footing and balance at all times. This enables better control of the equipment in unexpected situations.

20. **Use this equipment with both hands only.** Using equipment with only one hand can easily result in loss of control.

21. **Dress properly.** Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Keep hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts. Loose clothes, jewelry or long hair can be caught in moving parts.

22. **Parts, especially exhaust system components, get very hot during use.** Stay clear of hot parts.

23. **Do not cover the engine or equipment during operation.**

24. **Keep the equipment, engine, and surrounding area clean at all times.**

Operation Precautions (cont.)

25. **Use the equipment, accessories, etc.,** in accordance with these instructions and in the manner intended for the particular type of equipment, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed. Use of the equipment for operations different from those intended could result in a hazardous situation.

26. **Do not operate the equipment with known leaks in the engine's fuel system.**

27. **This product contains or, when used, produces a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.** (California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, *et seq.*)

28. **When spills of fuel or oil occur, they must be cleaned up immediately.** Dispose of fluids and cleaning materials as per any local, state, or federal codes and regulations. Store oil rags in a bottom-ventilated, covered, metal container.

29. **Keep hands and feet away from moving parts.** Do not reach over or across equipment while operating.

30. **Before use, check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, and any other condition that may affect the equipment's operation. If damaged, have the equipment serviced before using.** Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained equipment.

31. **Use the correct equipment for the application.** Do not modify the equipment and do not use the equipment for a purpose for which it is not intended.

Vibration Hazard:

This tool vibrates during use. Repeated or long-term exposure to vibration may cause temporary or permanent physical injury, particularly to the hands, arms and shoulders. To reduce the risk of vibration-related injury:

1. **Anyone using vibrating tools regularly or for an extended period should first be examined by a doctor and then have regular medical check-ups to ensure medical problems are not being caused or worsened from use.** Pregnant women or people who have impaired blood circulation to the hand, past hand injuries, nervous system disorders, diabetes, or Raynaud's Disease should not use this tool. If you feel any symptoms related to vibration (such as tingling, numbness, and white or blue fingers), seek medical advice as soon as possible.

2. **Do not smoke during use.** Nicotine reduces the blood supply to the hands and fingers, increasing the risk of vibration-related injury.

3. **Wear suitable gloves to reduce the vibration effects on the user.**

4. **Use tools with the lowest vibration when there is a choice between different processes.**

5. **Include vibration-free periods each day of work.**

6. **Grip tool as lightly as possible (while still keeping safe control of it).** Let the tool do the work.

7. **To reduce vibration, maintain the tool as explained in this manual.** If any abnormal vibration occurs, stop use immediately.

Maintenance Precautions

1. **Before service, maintenance, or cleaning:**
   a. **Turn the engine switch to its "OFF" position.**
   b. **Allow the engine to completely cool.**
   c. **Then, remove the spark plug wire(s) from the spark plug(s).**
2. **Keep all safety guards in place and in proper working order.** Safety guards include muffler, air cleaner, mechanical guards, and heat shields, among other guards.
3. **Do not alter or adjust any part of the equipment or its engine that is sealed by the manufacturer or distributor. Only a qualified service technician may adjust parts that may increase or decrease governed engine speed.**
4. **Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles, heavy-duty work gloves, and dust mask/respirator during service.**
5. **Maintain labels and nameplates on the equipment.** These carry important information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.
6. **Have the equipment serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts.** This will ensure that the safety of the equipment is maintained. Do not attempt any service or maintenance procedures not explained in this manual or any procedures that you are uncertain about your ability to perform safely or correctly.
7. **Store equipment out of the reach of children.**
8. **Follow scheduled engine and equipment maintenance.**

Refueling:

1. **Do not smoke, or allow sparks, flames, or other sources of ignition around the equipment, especially when refueling.**
2. **Do not refill the fuel tank while the engine is running or hot.**
3. **Do not fill fuel tank to the top.** Leave a little room for the fuel to expand as needed.
4. **Refuel in a well-ventilated area only.**

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

Specifications

Operating Speed	0-82 FPM
Engine Type	179cc
Plate Size	16-1/2″ x 22″
Weight	176 lbs.

Note: Additional specifications found in the TECHNICAL ENGINE SPECIFICATIONS chart in this manual.

The emission control system for this Vibrator's Engine is warranted for standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For warranty information, refer to the last pages of this manual.

At high altitudes, the engine's carburetor, governor (if so equipped), and any other parts that control the fuel-air ratio will need to be adjusted by a qualified mechanic to allow efficient high-altitude use and to prevent damage to the engine and any other devices used with this product.

Setup

Read the ENTIRE IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION section at the beginning of this manual including all text under subheadings therein before set up or use of this product.

⚠WARNING

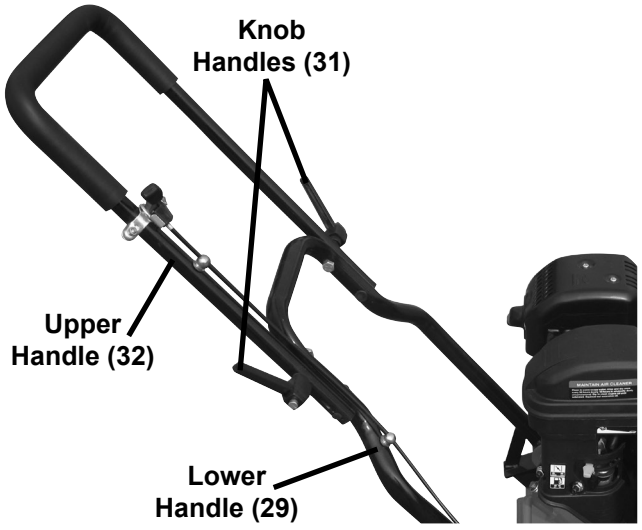
TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION:
Turn the Power Switch of the equipment off, wait for the engine to cool, and unplug the spark plug wire(s) before assembling or making any adjustments to the tool.

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL FIRES:
Operate only with proper spark arrestor installed. Operation of this equipment may create sparks that can start fires around dry vegetation. A spark arrestor may be required. The operator should contact local fire agencies for laws or regulations relating to fire prevention requirements.

Note: For additional information regarding the parts listed in the following pages, refer to *Parts Lists and Diagrams* on page 18.

Handle Setup

1. Loosen the Knob Handle (31) on each side of the Upper Handle (32).
2. Swing the Upper Handle until it points straight out from the Lower Handle (29).
3. Tighten both Knob Handles (31) securely.



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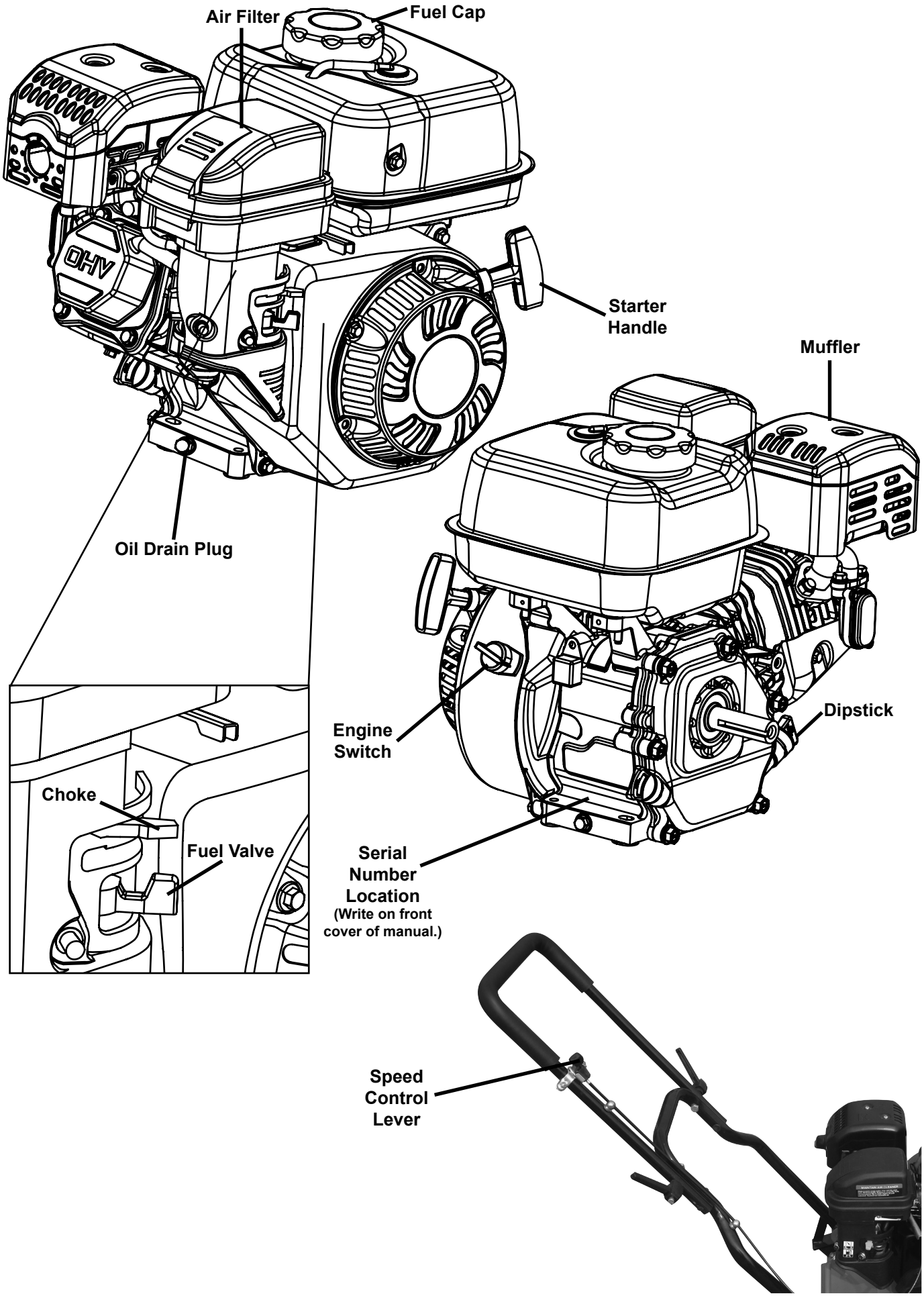

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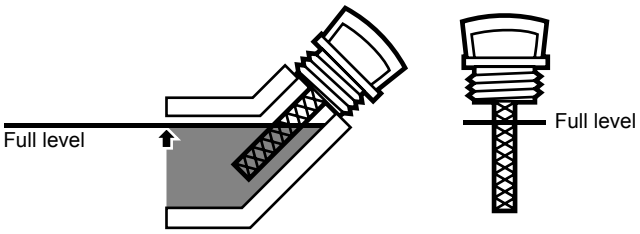
Pre-Start Checks

1. Inspect engine and equipment looking for damaged, loose, and missing parts before set up and starting. If any problems are found, do not use equipment until fixed properly.
2. **IMPORTANT: CHECK HARDWARE TIGHTNESS BEFORE EVERY USE.** The strong vibrations created during use will cause some hardware to loosen.
3. Firmly attach the Upper Handle (32) BEFORE use.

Checking and Filling Engine Oil

NOTICE: Your Warranty is VOID if the engine's crankcase is not properly filled with oil before each use. Before each use, check the oil level. Do not run the engine with low or no engine oil. Running the engine with no or low engine oil WILL permanently damage the engine.

1. Make sure the engine is stopped and is level.
2. Close the Fuel Valve.
3. Clean the top of the Dipstick and the area around it. Remove the Dipstick by threading it counterclockwise, and wipe it off with a clean lint free rag.



4. Reinsert the Dipstick without threading it in and remove it to check the oil level. The oil level should be up to the full level as shown above.
5. If the oil level is at or below the low mark add the appropriate type of oil until the oil level is at the proper level. SAE 10W-30 oil is recommended for general use. (The SAE Viscosity Grade chart on page 13 in the Service section shows other viscosities to use in different average temperatures.)
6. Thread the dipstick back in clockwise.

CAUTION! Do not run the engine with too little oil. The engine will be permanently damaged.

Checking and Filling Fuel

⚠WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM FIRE:
Fill the fuel tank in a well-ventilated area away from ignition sources. If the engine is hot from use, shut the engine off and wait for it to cool before adding fuel. Do not smoke.

1. Clean the Fuel Cap and the area around it.
2. Unscrew and remove the Fuel Cap.

Note: Do not use gasoline containing more than 10% ethanol (E10). Do not use E85 ethanol. Add fuel stabilizer to the gasoline or the Warranty is VOID.

Note: Do not use gasoline that has been stored in a metal fuel container or a dirty fuel container. It can cause particles to enter the carburetor, affecting engine performance and/or causing damage.

3. If needed, fill the Fuel Tank to about 1 inch under the fill neck of the Fuel Tank with 87 octane or higher unleaded gasoline that has been treated with a fuel stabilizer additive. Follow fuel stabilizer manufacturer's recommendations for use.
4. Then replace the Fuel Cap.
5. Wipe up any spilled fuel and allow excess to evaporate before starting engine. To prevent FIRE, do not start the engine while the smell of fuel hangs in the air.

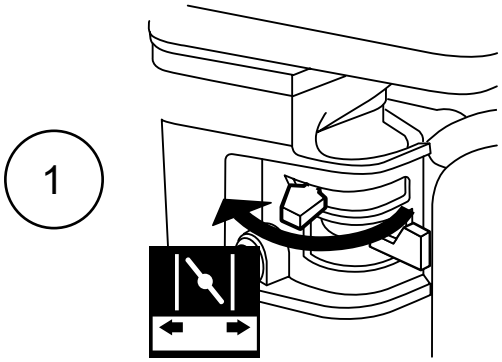
Starting the Engine

Before Starting the Engine

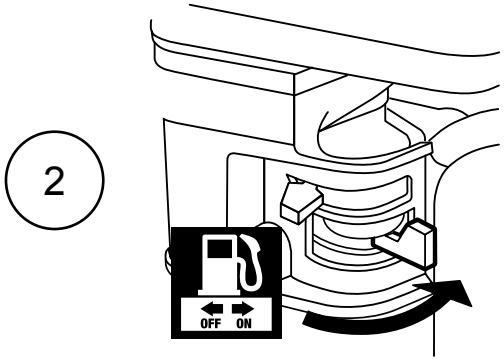
Before starting the engine:

a. **Follow the Set Up Instructions in the equipment manual to prepare the equipment.**
b. **Inspect the equipment and engine.**
c. **Fill the engine with the proper amount and type of both fuel and oil.**
d. **Read the Equipment Operation section in the equipment manual.**

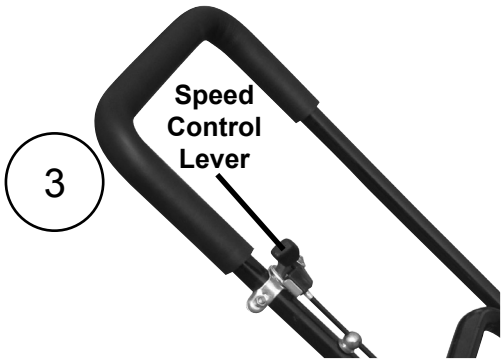
1. To start a cold engine, move the Choke to the CHOKE position.
   To restart a warm engine, leave the Choke in the RUN position.



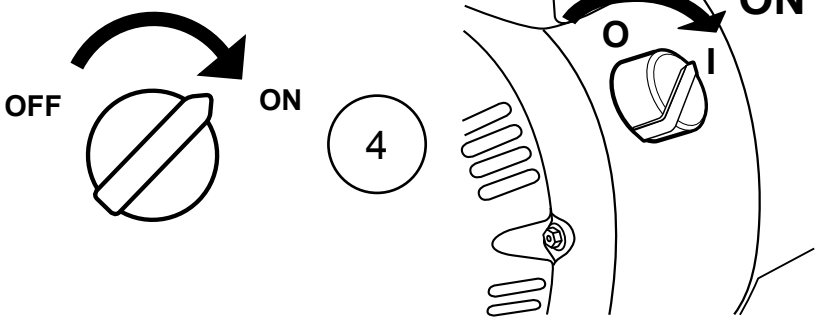
2. Open the Fuel Valve.



3. Slide the Speed Control Lever (54) to 1/3 away from the SLOW position.



4. Turn the Engine Switch on.



5. Grip the Starter Handle of the Engine loosely and pull it slowly several times to allow the gasoline to flow into the Engine's carburetor. Then pull the Starter Handle gently until resistance is felt. Allow Cable to retract fully and then pull it quickly. Repeat until the engine starts.

Note: Do not let the Starter Handle snap back against the engine. Hold it as it recoils so it doesn't hit the engine.

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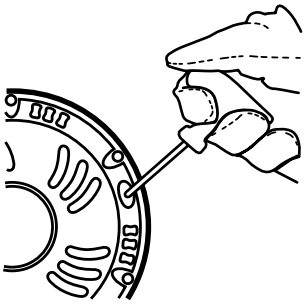

6. Allow the Engine to run for several seconds. Then, if the Choke lever is in the CHOKE position, move the Choke Lever very slowly to its RUN position.

NOTE: Moving the Choke Lever too fast could stall the engine.

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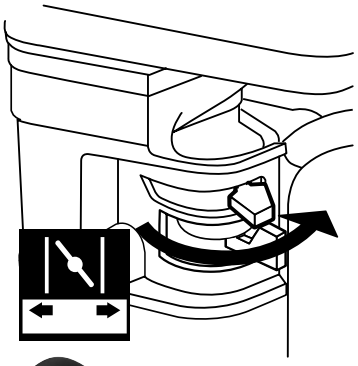

IMPORTANT: Allow the engine to run at no load for five minutes with no load after each start-up so that the engine can stabilize.

7. Grip the Upper Handle (32) *firmly* with both hands.
8. Depending on the desired speed at which the Vibrator Plate will vibrate, adjust the Speed Control Lever (54) between its "LOW" to "HIGH" position.
9. Slowly push or pull the Vibrator Plate while guiding the tool in the desired direction.
10. Keep a safe distance away from the edges and banks of ditches and use care to prevent the Vibrator Plate from toppling over.
11. Ascend slopes carefully in a direct path. Pull backwards up steep slopes to prevent the Vibrator Plate from toppling over onto the operator.

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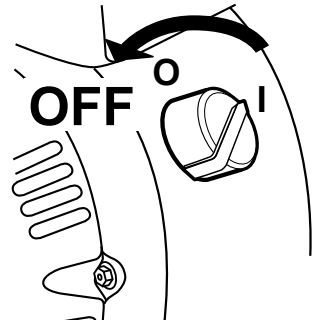
12. **Break-in Period:**
    a. Breaking-in the engine will help to ensure proper equipment and engine operation.
    b. The operational break-in period will last about 3 hours of use. Do not operate the engine at its maximum speed during this period.
    c. The maintenance break-in period will last about 20 hours of use. Change the engine oil after this period.

    Under normal operating conditions subsequent maintenance follows the schedule explained in the MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING section.

Stopping the Engine

To stop the engine in an emergency, turn the Engine Switch off.



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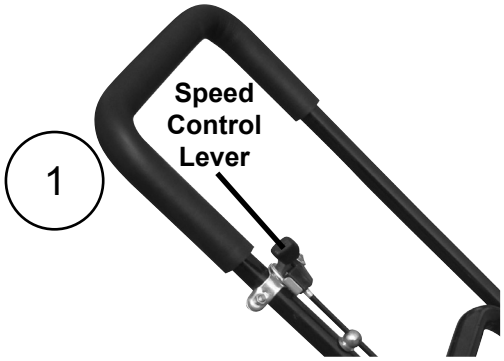
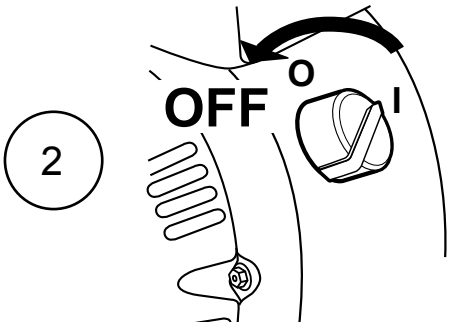
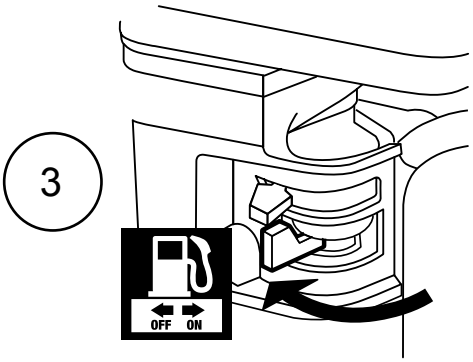


1. Slide the Speed Control Lever (54) to SLOW.



2. Turn the Engine Switch off.



3. Close the Fuel Valve.

4. Park the Vibrator Plate on a firm and level surface after use.

5. The Knob Handles (31) can be loosened and the Upper Handle (32) folded down to aid in storage.

NOTICE
See Long-Term Storage on page 15 for complete storage instructions.

Technical Specifications

Engine Type		Single Cylinder 4 stroke OHV
Bore x Stroke		65mm x 54mm
Displacement		179cc
Compression Ratio		8.5:1
Rotation viewed from PTO (power takeoff - the output shaft)		Counterclockwise
Fuel	Type	87+ octane stabilizer-treated unleaded gasoline
	Capacity	1 Gallon

Engine Oil	Type SAE	10W-30 above 32° F 5W-30 at 32° F or below
	Capacity	0.5 Quarts
Spark Plug	Type	Torch & LG
	Gap	0.028 - 0.031″
Valve Clearance	Intake	0.10 - 0.15 mm
	Exhaust	0.15 - 0.20 mm
Speed	Idle	1,800 ±50 RPM

⚠WARNING

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL STARTING:
Turn the Power Switch of the equipment to its "OFF" position, wait for the engine to cool, and disconnect the spark plug cap before performing any inspection, maintenance, or cleaning procedures.

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM EQUIPMENT FAILURE:
Do not use damaged equipment. If abnormal noise, vibration, or excess smoking occurs, have the problem corrected before further use.

Follow all service instructions in this manual. The engine may fail critically if not serviced properly.

Many maintenance procedures, including any not detailed in this manual, will need to be performed by a qualified technician for safety. If you have any doubts about your ability to safely service the equipment or engine, have a qualified technician service the equipment instead.

Maintenance and Lubrication Schedule

Note: This maintenance schedule is a general guide only. If performance decreases or if equipment operates unusually, check systems immediately. The maintenance needs of each engine will differ depending on factors such as duty cycle, temperature, air quality, fuel quality, and other factors.

Note: The following procedures are in addition to the regular checks and maintenance explained as part of the regular operation of the engine and equipment.

Procedure	Before Each Use	Every 2 weeks or 10 hr. of use	Monthly or 20 hr. of use	Every 6 mo. or 100 hr. of use	Yearly or 300 hr. of use	Every 2 Years
1. Brush off outside of engine 2. Check and tighten all hardware 3. Check engine oil level and deposit cup	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clean/replace air cleaner		✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓
Change engine oil			✓	✓	✓	✓
Check and clean spark plug				✓	✓	✓
1. Check/adjust idle speed and valve clearance 2. Clean fuel tank, strainer and carburetor 3. Clean carbon build-up from combustion chamber					✓**	✓**
Check/replace fuel line						✓**

*Service more frequently when used in dusty areas.

**These items should be serviced by a qualified technician.

Checking and Filling Fuel

⚠WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM FIRE:
Fill the fuel tank in a well-ventilated area away from ignition sources. If the engine is hot from use, shut the engine off and wait for it to cool before adding fuel. Do not smoke.

1. Clean the Fuel Cap and the area around it.
2. Unscrew and remove the Fuel Cap.

Note: Do not use gasoline containing more than 10% ethanol (E10). Do not use E85 ethanol. Add fuel stabilizer to the gasoline or the Warranty is VOID.

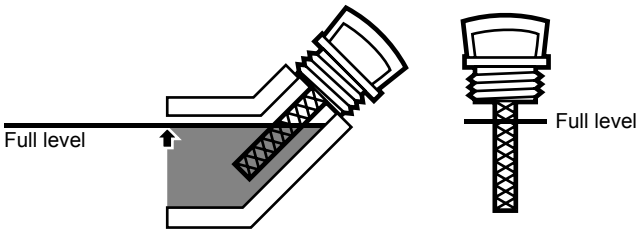
Note: Do not use gasoline that has been stored in a metal fuel container or a dirty fuel container. It can cause particles to enter the carburetor, affecting engine performance and/or causing damage.

3. If needed, fill the Fuel Tank to about 1 inch under the fill neck of the Fuel Tank with 87 octane or higher unleaded gasoline that has been treated with a fuel stabilizer additive. Follow fuel stabilizer manufacturer's recommendations for use.
4. Then replace the Fuel Cap.
5. Wipe up any spilled fuel and allow excess to evaporate before starting engine. To prevent FIRE, do not start the engine while the smell of fuel hangs in the air.

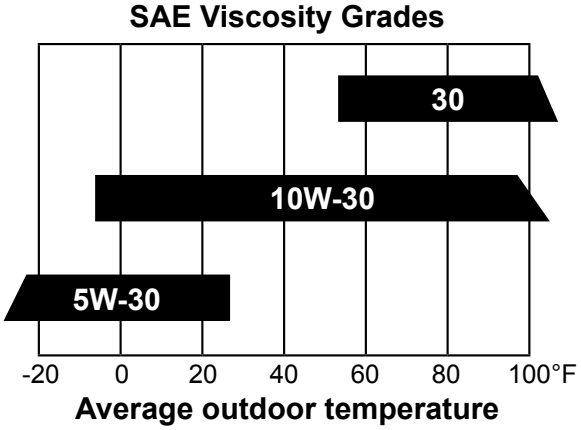
Engine Oil Change

⚠CAUTION! Oil is very hot during operation and can cause burns. Wait for engine to cool before changing oil.

1. Make sure the engine is stopped and is level.
2. Close the Fuel Valve.
3. Place a drain pan (not included) underneath the crankcase's drain plug.
4. Remove the drain plug and, if possible, tilt the crankcase slightly to help drain the oil out. Recycle used oil.
5. Replace the drain plug and tighten it.
6. Clean the top of the Dipstick and the area around it. Remove the Dipstick by threading it counterclockwise, and wipe it off with a clean lint free rag.



7. Add the appropriate type of oil until the oil level is at the full level. SAE 10W-30 oil is recommended for general use.
   The SAE Viscosity Grade chart shows other viscosities to use in different average temperatures.



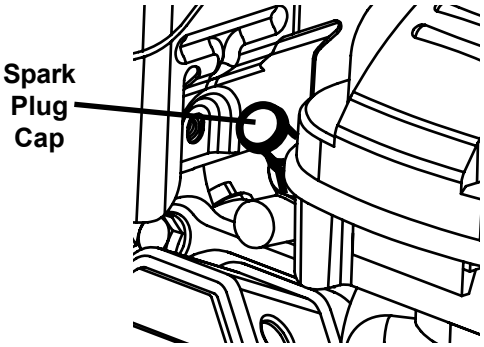
8. Thread the dipstick back in clockwise.

CAUTION! Do not run the engine with too little oil. The engine will be permanently damaged.

Air Filter Element Maintenance

1. Remove the Air Cleaner Cover and the air filter(s) and check for dirt. Clean as described below.
2. **Cleaning:**
   - For paper filters:
     To prevent injury from dust and debris, wear ANSI-approved safety goggles, NIOSH-approved dust mask/respirator, and heavy-duty work gloves. In a well-ventilated area away from bystanders, use pressurized air to blow dust out of the filter.
   - For foam filters:
     Wash the filter in warm water and mild detergent several times. Rinse. Squeeze out excess water and allow it to dry completely. Soak the filter in lightweight oil briefly, then squeeze out the excess oil.
3. Install the cleaned filter(s). Secure the Air Cleaner Cover before use.

Spark Plug Maintenance



1. Disconnect spark plug cap from end of plug. Clean out debris from around spark plug.
2. Using a spark plug wrench, remove the spark plug.
3. Inspect the spark plug:
   If the electrode is oily, clean it using a clean, dry rag. If the electrode has deposits on it, polish it using emery paper. If the white insulator is cracked or chipped, the spark plug needs to be replaced.

NOTICE: Use only the spark plug listed on the Technical Specifications chart. Using an incorrect spark plug may damage the engine.

4. When installing a new spark plug, adjust the plug's gap to the specification on the Technical Specifications chart. Do not pry against the electrode, the spark plug can be damaged.
5. Install the new spark plug or the cleaned spark plug into the engine. Gasket-style: Finger-tighten until the gasket contacts the cylinder head, then tighten about 1/2-2/3 turn more.
   Non-gasket-style: Finger-tighten until the plug contacts the head, then tighten about 1/16 turn more.

NOTICE: Tighten the spark plug properly. If loose, the spark plug will cause the engine to overheat. If overtightened, the threads in the engine block will be damaged.

6. Apply dielectric spark plug boot protector (not included) to the end of the spark plug and reattach the wire securely.

Belt Tension Adjustment

1. Turn off engine.
2. Loosen, but do not remove, the four Nuts (21) that hold the Engine (16) to the Connecting Plates (23).
3. Slide the Engine (16), away from the Driver Pulley (47), until the belts are properly tensioned.
4. Tighten the four Nuts (21) that hold the Engine (16) to the Connecting Plates (23).

Belt Replacement

1. Turn off engine.
2. Loosen, but do not remove, the four Nuts (21) that hold the Engine (16) to the Connecting Plates (23).
3. Using Nut (43) and Bolt (42), slide the Engine (16) towards the Driver Pulley (47) until Belts (20) can be removed.
4. Remove the old Belts, then install new ones.
5. Check the alignment of the two pulleys (side by side - in the same level/surface).
6. Using Nut (43) and Bolt (42), slide Engine (16) away from Driver Pulley (47) until Belt is properly tensioned.
7. Re-tighten the four Nuts (21) that hold the Engine (16) to the Connecting Plates (23).

Long-Term Storage

When the equipment is to remain idle for longer than 20 days, prepare the engine for storage as follows:

1. **CLEANING**:
   Wait for engine to cool, then clean engine with dry cloth. **NOTICE: Do not clean using water.** The water will gradually enter the engine and cause rust damage.
   Apply a thin coat of rust preventive oil to all metal parts.
2. **FUEL:**

   To protect the fuel tank during storage, fill the tank with gasoline that has been treated with a fuel stabilizer additive. Follow fuel stabilizer manufacturer's recommendations for use. Refer to *Checking and Filling Fuel* on page 8.

⚠WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM FIRE:
Fill tank in a well-ventilated area away from ignition sources. If the engine is hot from use, shut the engine off and wait for it to cool before adding fuel. Do not smoke.

3. **LUBRICATION:**
   a. Change engine oil.
   b. Clean out area around spark plug. Remove spark plug and pour one tablespoon of engine oil into cylinder through spark plug hole.
   c. Replace spark plug, but leave spark plug cap disconnected.
   d. Pull Starter Handle to distribute oil in cylinder. Stop after one or two revolutions when you feel the piston start the compression stroke (when you start to feel resistance).
4. **BATTERY:**
   Disconnect battery cables (if equipped). Recharge batteries monthly while in storage.
5. **STORAGE AREA:**
   Cover and store in a dry, level, well-ventilated area out of reach of children. Storage area should also be away from ignition sources, such as water heaters, clothes dryers, and furnaces.

NOTICE: During extended storage periods the Engine must be started every 3 months and allowed to run for 15–20 minutes or the Warranty is VOID.

6. **AFTER STORAGE:**
   Before starting the engine after storage, keep in mind that untreated gasoline will deteriorate quickly. Drain the fuel tank and change to fresh fuel if untreated gasoline has been sitting for a month, if treated gasoline has been sitting beyond the fuel stabilizer's recommended time period, or if the engine does not start.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Causes	Probable Solutions
Engine will not start	FUEL RELATED:	FUEL RELATED:
	1. No fuel in tank or fuel valve closed.	1. Fill fuel tank and open fuel valve.
	2. Choke not in CHOKE position, cold engine.	2. Move Choke to CHOKE position.
	3. Gasoline with more than 10% ethanol used. (E15, E20, E85, etc.)	3. Clean out ethanol rich gasoline from fuel system. Replace components damaged by ethanol. Use fresh 87+ octane unleaded gasoline only. **Do not use gasoline with more than 10% ethanol (E15, E20, E85, etc.).**
	4. Low quality or deteriorated, old gasoline.	4. Use fresh 87+ octane unleaded gasoline. **Do not use gasoline with more than 10% ethanol (E15, E20, E85, etc.).**
	5. Carburetor not primed.	5. Pull on Starter Handle to prime.
	6. Dirty fuel passageways.	6. Clean out passageways using fuel additive. Heavy deposits may require further cleaning.
	7. Carburetor needle stuck. Fuel can be smelled in the air.	7. **Gently** tap side of carburetor float chamber with screwdriver handle.
	8. Too much fuel in chamber. This can be caused by the carburetor needle sticking.	8. Turn Choke to RUN position. Remove spark plug and pull the start handle several times to air out the chamber. Reinstall spark plug and set Choke to CHOKE position.
	9. Clogged Fuel Filter.	9. Replace Fuel Filter.
	IGNITION (SPARK) RELATED:	IGNITION (SPARK) RELATED:
	1. Spark plug cap not connected securely.	1. Connect spark plug cap properly.
	2. Spark plug electrode wet or dirty.	2. Clean spark plug.
	3. Incorrect spark plug gap.	3. Correct spark plug gap.
	4. Spark plug cap broken.	4. Replace spark plug cap.
	5. Circuit breaker tripped (electric start models only).	5. Reset circuit breaker. Check wiring and starter motor if breaker continues to trip.
	6. Incorrect spark timing or faulty ignition system.	6. Have qualified technician diagnose/ repair ignition system.
	COMPRESSION RELATED:	COMPRESSION RELATED:
	1. Cylinder not lubricated. Problem after long storage periods.	1. Pour tablespoon of oil into spark plug hole. Crank engine a few times and try to start again.
	2. Loose or broken spark plug. (Hissing noise will occur when trying to start.)	2. Tighten spark plug. If that does not work, replace spark plug. If problem persists, may have head gasket problem, see #3.
	3. Loose cylinder head or damaged head gasket. (Hissing noise will occur when trying to start.)	3. Tighten head. If that does not remedy problem, replace head gasket.
	4. Engine valves or tappets mis-adjusted or stuck.	4. Have qualified technician diagnose/ repair ignition system.

Follow all safety precautions whenever diagnosing or servicing the equipment or engine.

Troubleshooting (cont'd)

Problem	Possible Causes	Probable Solutions
Engine stops when under heavy load	1. Dirty air filter 2. Engine running cold.	1. Clean element. 2. Allow engine to warm up prior to operating equipment.
Engine misfires	1. Spark plug cap loose. 2. Incorrect spark plug gap or damaged spark plug. 3. Defective spark plug cap. 4. Old or low quality gasoline. 5. Incorrect compression.	1. Check wire connections. 2. Re-gap or replace spark plug. 3. Replace spark plug cap. 4. Use only fresh 87+ octane unleaded gasoline. **Do not use gasoline with more than 10% ethanol (E15, E20, E85, etc.).** 5. Diagnose and repair compression. (Use **Engine will not start: COMPRESSION RELATED** section.)
Engine stops suddenly	1. Low oil shutdown. 2. Fuel tank empty or full of impure or low quality gasoline. 3. Defective fuel tank cap creating vacuum, preventing proper fuel flow. 4. Faulty magneto. 5. Disconnected or improperly connected spark plug cap.	1. Fill engine oil to proper level. Check engine oil before EVERY use. 2. Fill fuel tank with fresh 87+ octane unleaded gasoline. **Do not use gasoline with more than 10% ethanol (E15, E20, E85, etc.).** 3. Test/replace fuel tank cap. 4. Have qualified technician service magneto. 5. Secure spark plug cap.
Engine knocks	1. Old or low quality gasoline. 2. Engine overloaded. 3. Incorrect spark timing, deposit buildup, worn engine, or other mechanical problems.	1. Fill fuel tank with fresh 87+ octane unleaded gasoline. **Do not use gasoline with more than 10% ethanol (E15, E20, E85, etc.).** 2. Do not exceed equipment's load rating. 3. Have qualified technician diagnose and service engine.
Engine backfires	1. Impure or low quality gasoline. 2. Engine too cold. 3. Intake valve stuck or overheated engine. 4. Incorrect timing.	1. Fill fuel tank with fresh 87+ octane unleaded gasoline. **Do not use gasoline with more than 10% ethanol (E15, E20, E85, etc.).** 2. Use cold weather fuel and oil additives to prevent backfiring. 3. Have qualified technician diagnose and service engine. 4. Check engine timing.
Equipment does not operate with engine running	1. Engine idling. 2. Broken or loose belt.	1. This is normal operation. Increase engine speed to start operation. 2. Inspect belt and replace if broken or worn. Tension belt properly.

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PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

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Main Parts List

Part	Description	Qty
1	Shaft Circlip	1
2	Hole Circlip	1
3	Ball Bearing (6006)	2
4	Drive Pulley	1
5	Cover	1
6	Friction Block	6
7	Spring	1
8	Flap Wheel	1
9	Flat Washer (Ø8)	1
10	Spring Washer (Ø8)	17
11	Bolt	1
12	Bolt (M10x20)	4
13	Spring Washer (Ø10)	6
14	Flat Washer (Ø10)	6
15	Pulley Cover	1
16	179cc Engine (details in Parts List and Diagram A)	1
17	Screw (M4x10)	1
18	Throttle Hoop	1
19	Flat Key (M5x30)	1
20	Cone Belt	2
21	Nut (M8)	4
22	Flat Washer (Ø8)	16
23	Connecting Plate	2
24	Single Threaded Rubber Shaft	2
25	Nut (M10)	2
26	Bolt (M12x16)	2
27	Rubber Sleeve	2
28	Screw	3
29	Lower Handle	1
30	Circular Stem	2

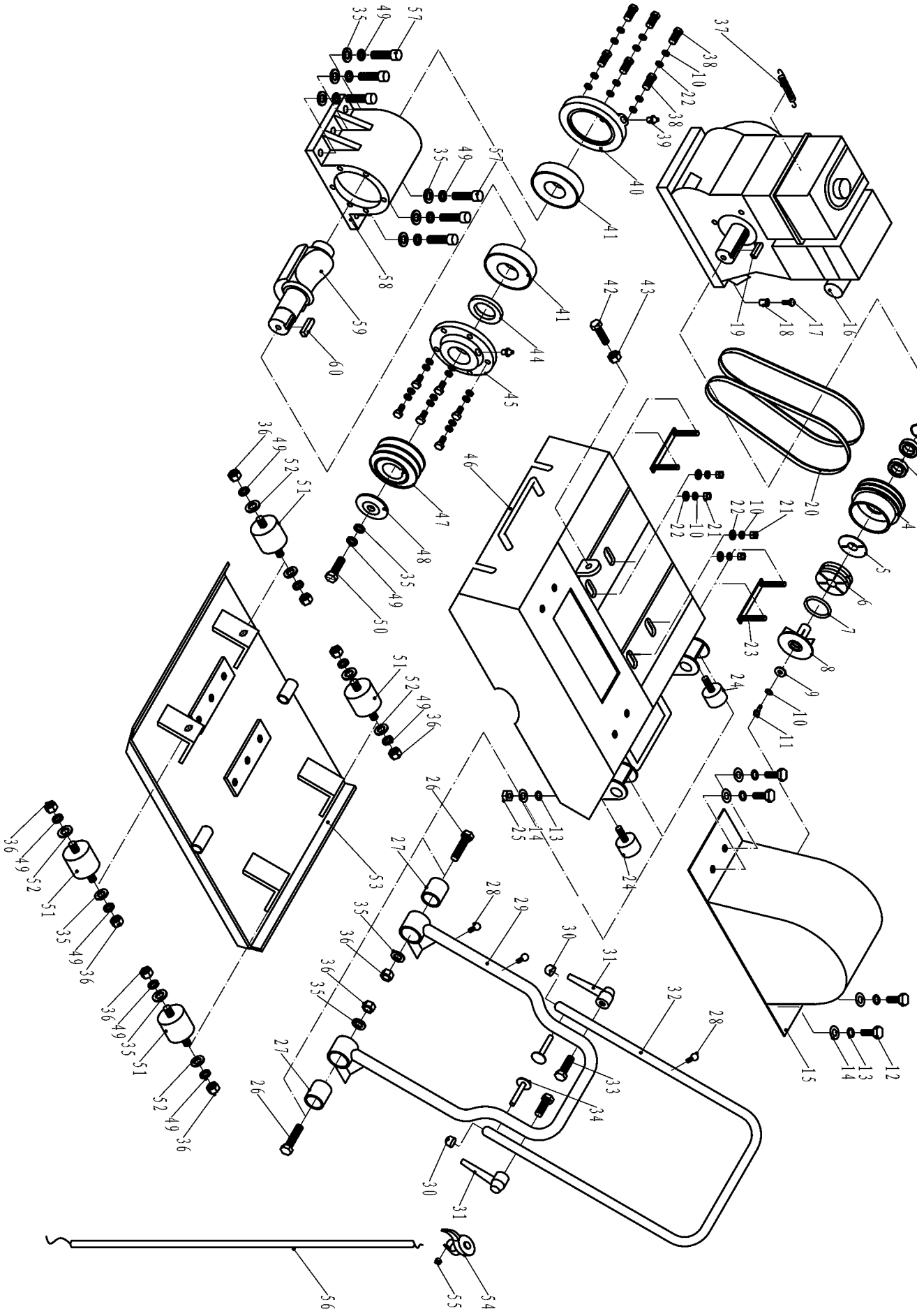
Part	Description	Qty
31	Knob Handle	2
32	Upper Handle	1
33	Bolt (M10x60)	2
34	Rivet (M8x50)	2
35	Flat Washer (Ø12)	13
36	Self-Locking Nut (M12)	10
37	Engine Pull Spring	1
38	Bolt (M8x25)	12
39	Grease Port	2
40	Bearing Cover (1)	1
41	Bearing (6308)	2
42	Bolt (M10x60)	1
43	Nut (M10)	1
44	Oil Seal	1
45	Bearing Cover (2)	1
46	Base Cover	1
47	Driver Pulley	1
48	Stopper Plate	1
49	Spring Washer (Ø12)	15
50	Bolt (M12x25)	1
51	Double Threaded Rubber Shaft	4
52	Flat Washer (Ø12)	4
53	Compactor Base	1
54	Speed Control Lever	1
55	Nut (M5)	1
56	Flexible Shaft	1
57	Inner Hex Screw (M12x4)	6
58	Bearing Housing	1
59	Eccentric Shaft	1
60	Flat Key (M10x30)	1

Record Product's Serial Number Here:_____

Note: If product has no serial number, record month and year of purchase instead.

Note: Some parts are listed and shown for illustration purposes only, and are not available individually as replacement parts.

Main Assembly Diagram



Parts List A - Engine (16)

Part	Description	Qty
1A	Gasket, Cylinder Head	1
2A	Cover Subassembly, Cylinder Head	1
3A	Gasket, Cylinder Head Cover	1
4A	Tube, Breather	1
5A	Bolt	4
6A	Stud	1
7A	Stud	1
8A	Stud	2
9A	Pin	2
10A	Bolt, Cylinder Head	4
11A	Plug, Spark	1
12A	Head Subassembly, Cylinder	1
13A	Crankcase Subassembly.	1
14A	Sensor, Engine Oil	1
15A	Gear Assy, Governor	1
16A	Arm, Governor	1
17A	Bolt, Drain Plug	2
18A	Washer	2
19A	Bearing	1
20A	Seal, Oil	1
21A	Washer	1
22A	Pin	1
23A	Bolt	2
24A	Cover, Crankcase	1
25A	Bearing	1
26A	Seal, Oil	1
27A	Gasket, Crankcase	1
28A	Pin	2
29A	Dipstick Subassembly, Oil	1
30A	Plug Subassembly, Engine Oil	1
31A	Bolt	6
32A	Crankshaft Assy.	1
33A	Clip, Piston Pin	2
34A	Piston	1
35A	Pin, Piston	1
36A	Rod, Connecting	1
37A	Ring, The First	1
38A	Ring, The Second	1

Part	Description	Qty
39A	Ring Set, Oil	1
40A	Camshaft Assy.	1
41A	Valve, Exhaust	1
42A	Valve, Intake	1
43A	Seat, Valve Spring	1
44A	Retainer, Exhaust Valve	1
45A	Rotator, Valve	1
46A	Guide, Seal	1
47A	Tappet, Valve	1
48A	Lifter, Valve	2
49A	Plate Subassembly, Lifter Stopper	2
50A	Bolt, Valve Adjusting	1
51A	Rocker, Valve	2
52A	Nut, Valve Adjusting	2
53A	Nut, Valve Lock	2
54A	Spring, Valve	2
55A	Starter Assy, Recoil	1
56A	Bolt	3
57A	Shroud	1
58A	Shroud, Cylinder Body	1
59A	Shield,Lower	1
60A	Protector, Oil	1
61A	Switch Subassembly, Stop Engine	1
62A	Bolt	2
63A	Bolt	1
64A	Collar	1
65A	Bolt	1
66A	Bolt	4
67A	Carburetor Assy.	1
68A	Gasket, Air Cleaner	1
69A	Gasket, Carburetor	1
70A	Plate, Carburetor Insulator	1
71A	Gasket, Carburetor Insulator	1
72A	Nut	2
73A	Cleaner, Air	1
74A		
75A	Gasket, Exhaust Outlet	1
76A	Nut	2
77A	Muffler Assy.	1
78A	Bolt	2

Part	Description	Qty
79A	Gasket, The Second Supply Air Valve Flange	1
80A	Valve, Muffler The Second Supply Air	1
81A	Tank, Fuel	1
82A	Strainer, Fuel	1
83A	Cover, Fuel Tank	1
84A	Outlet Subassembly, Fuel Tank Oil	1
85A	Clamp	4
86A	Tube, Fuel	1
87A	Bolt	1
88A	Nut	2
89A		
90A	Hose, Fuel Steam Rubber	1
91A		
92A	Collector, Fuel Steam	1
93A	Clamp	1
94A	Hose, Air Cleaner Rubber	1
95A	Nut, Flywheel	1
96A	Pulley,Starter	1
97A	Impeller	1
98A	Flywheel Subassembly	1
99A	Bolt	2
100A	Coil, Ignition	1
101A	Control Assy, Throttle	1
102A	Bolt	2
103A	Spring, Governor	1
104A	Rod, Governor	1
105A	Spring, Throttle Valve Returning	1
106A	Bolt, Governor Support	1
107A	Nut	1
108A	Support Subassembly, Governor	1
109A	Valve, One Way	1
110A	Clamp	1
111A	Cover, Fuel Steam Collector	1
112A	Bolt	2
113A	Jacket, Rubber	1

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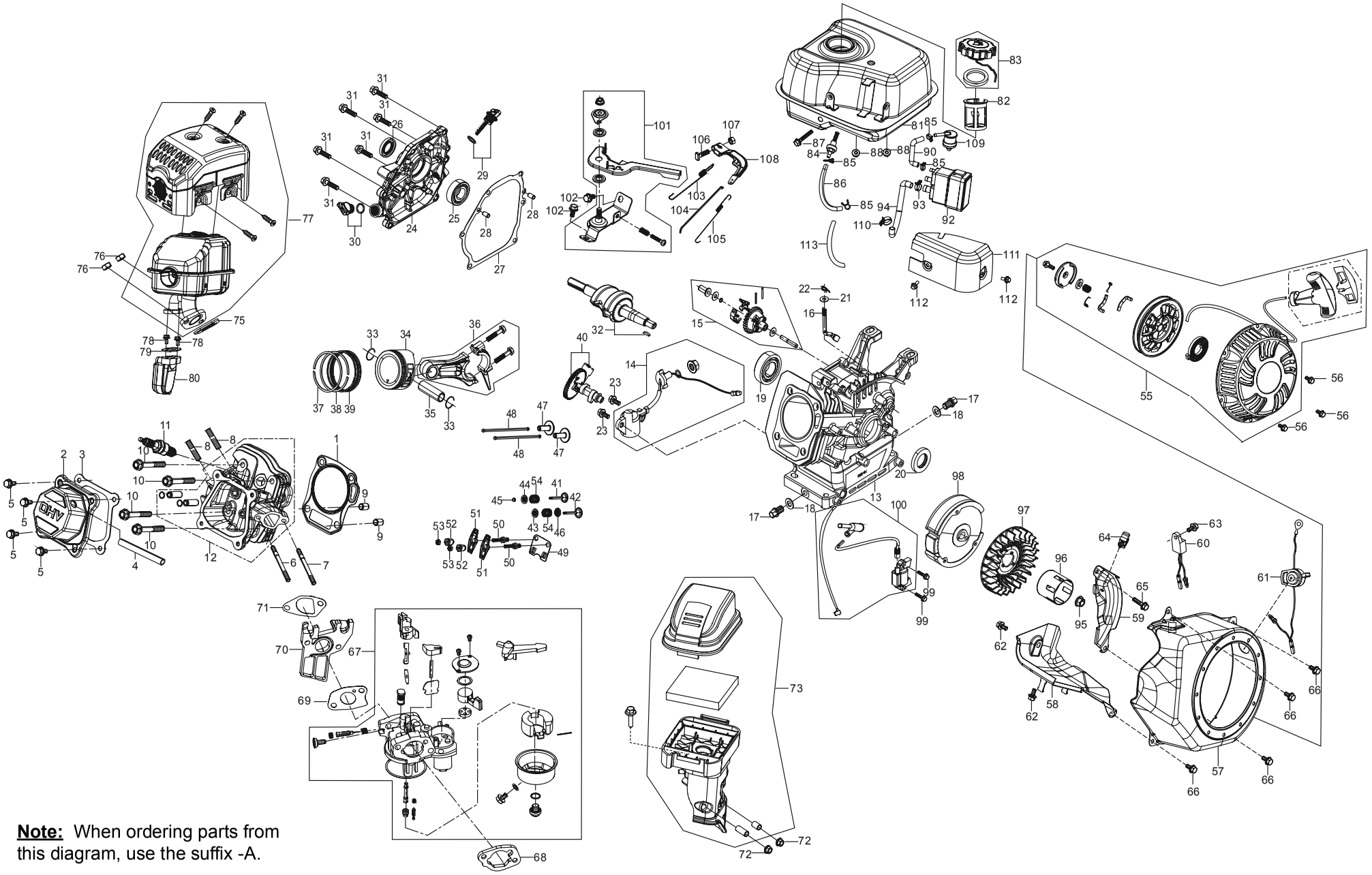
Assembly Diagram A - Engine (16)



Note: When ordering parts from this diagram, use the suffix -A.

Limited 90 Day Warranty

Harbor Freight Tools Co. makes every effort to assure that its products meet high quality and durability standards, and warrants to the original purchaser that this product is free from defects in materials and workmanship for the period of 90 days from the date of purchase. This warranty does not apply to damage due directly or indirectly, to misuse, abuse, negligence or accidents, repairs or alterations outside our facilities, criminal activity, improper installation, normal wear and tear, or to lack of maintenance. We shall in no event be liable for death, injuries to persons or property, or for incidental, contingent, special or consequential damages arising from the use of our product. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation of exclusion may not apply to you. THIS WARRANTY IS EXPRESSLY IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING THE WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS.

To take advantage of this warranty, the product or part must be returned to us with transportation charges prepaid. Proof of purchase date and an explanation of the complaint must accompany the merchandise. If our inspection verifies the defect, we will either repair or replace the product at our election or we may elect to refund the purchase price if we cannot readily and quickly provide you with a replacement. We will return repaired products at our expense, but if we determine there is no defect, or that the defect resulted from causes not within the scope of our warranty, then you must bear the cost of returning the product.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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Emission Control System Warranty

United States Emission Control Defects Warranty Statement

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (herein EPA), and Harbor Freight Tools (herein HFT) are pleased to explain the emission control system warranty on your 2014-2015 Small Off-Road Engine (herein engine). Within the United States, new off-road, spark-ignition engines certified for model year 2014-2015, must meet standards set forth by the EPA. HFT must warrant the emission control system on your engine for the periods of time described below, provided there has been no abuse, neglect or improper maintenance of your engine.

Your emission control system may include parts such as the carburetor or fuel-injection system, and the ignition system. Also included may be hoses, belts, connectors and other emission-related assemblies.

Where a warrantable condition exists, HFT will repair your engine at no cost to you including diagnosis, parts and labor.

Manufacturer's Warranty Coverage

The 2014-2015 engines are warranted for two (2) years. If any emission-related part on your engine is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by HFT.

Harbor Freight Tools Emission Control Defects Warranty Coverage

Engines are warranted for a period of two (2) years relative to emission control parts defects, subject to the provisions set forth below. If any emission related part on your engine is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by HFT.

Owner's Warranty Responsibilities

- As the engine owner, you are responsible for the performance of the required maintenance listed in your Owner's Manual. HFT recommends that you retain all receipts covering maintenance on your engine, but HFT cannot deny warranty solely for the lack of receipts or for your failure to ensure the performance of all scheduled maintenance.
- As the engine owner, you should, however, be aware that HFT may deny you warranty coverage if your engine or a part has failed due to abuse, neglect, improper maintenance, or unapproved modifications.
- You are responsible for shipping your engine to a HFT warranty station as soon as a problem exists. Contact the HFT Customer Service department at the number below to make shipping arrangements. The warranty repairs should be completed in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days.

If you have any questions regarding your warranty rights and responsibilities, you should contact the Harbor Freight Tools Customer Service Department at 1-888-866-5797.

Harbor Freight Tools Emission Control Defects Warranty Provisions

1. Length of Coverage

HFT warrants to a first retail purchaser and each subsequent purchaser that the engine is free from defects in materials and workmanship that cause the failure of warranted parts for a period of two (2) years after the date of delivery to the first retail purchaser.

2. No Charge Repair or Replacement

Repair or replacement of any warranted part will be performed at no charge to the owner if the work is performed through a warranty station authorized by HFT. For emissions warranty service, contact the HFT Customer Service Department at 1-888-866-5797.

3. Consequential Damages Coverage

Coverage under this warranty shall also extend to the failure of any engine components caused by the failure of any warranted part while it is still covered under this warranty.

4. Coverage Exclusions

Warranty claims shall be filed in accordance with the provisions of the HFT warranty policy explained in the box at the top of the previous page. HFT shall not be liable for any loss of use of the engine, for any alternative usage, for any damage to goods, loss of time, or inconvenience. Warranty coverage shall also be excluded for any part which fails, malfunctions, or is damaged due to failure to follow the maintenance and operating instructions set forth in the Owner's Manual including, but not limited to:

a) Use of parts which are not authorized by HFT

b) Improper installation, adjustment or repair of the engine or of any warranted part unless performed by an authorized warranty center

c) Failure to follow recommendations on fuel use contained in the Owner's Manual

d) Improper or inadequate maintenance of any warranted parts

e) Repairs performed outside of the authorized warranty service dealers

f) Alterations by changing, adding to or removing parts from the engine.

5. Service and Maintenance

Component parts which are not scheduled for replacement as required maintenance or are scheduled only for regular inspection to the effect of "repair or replace as necessary" are warranted for the warranty period. Any warranted part which is scheduled for replacement as required maintenance is warranted for the period of time up to the first scheduled replacement point for that part. Any replacement part, provided it is equivalent in durability and performance, may be used in performance of maintenance or repairs. The owner is responsible for commissioning a qualified technician/mechanic to perform all required maintenance, as outlined in the Inspection, Cleaning, and Maintenance section in this manual.

6. Warranted Parts

1) Fuel Metering System

i) Carburetor and its internal parts.

ii) Air/fuel ratio feedback and control system.

iii) Cold start enrichment system.

iv) Fuel Tank.

2) Air Induction System

i) Controlled hot air intake system.

ii) Intake manifold.

iii) Air filter.

3) Ignition System

i) Spark Plugs.

ii) Magneto or electronic ignition system.

iii) Spark advance/retard system.

4) Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) System (if so equipped)

i) EGR valve body, and carburetor spacer.

ii) EGR rate feedback and control system.

5) Air Injection System

i) Air pump or pulse valve.

ii) Valves affecting distribution of flow.

iii) Distribution manifold.

6) Catalyst or Thermal Reactor System (if so equipped)

i) Catalytic converter.

ii) Thermal reactor.

iii) Exhaust manifold.

7) Particulate Controls

Traps, filters, precipitators, and any other device used to capture particulate emissions.

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